

**Women's Literary Club of St. Catharines Fonds**  
**1892-1996**  
**RG 18**

<b>Creator:</b>	Women's Literary Club of St. Catharines
<b>Extent:</b>	9 boxes 2 audio cassette tapes 40 Scrapbooks 116 Photographs, 2 slides, 20 negatives (black and white and colour) And various other items
<b>Abstract:</b>	The majority of text within this collection is comprised of meeting minutes, essays and scrapbooks relating to literature and history. Correspondence, and club publications, including photographs and a wide range of newspaper clippings make up the rest of the collection.
<b>Materials:</b>	Clippings, hand written documents, printed documents, photographs, audio cassettes, minutes, correspondence and other club ephemeral.
<b>Repository:</b>	Brock University Archives
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<b>Custodial History:</b>	Fonds remained in the possession of the Women's Literary Club of St. Catharines until 1969, when the material was formally deposited in the Brock University Archives. Another deposit was made in April, 1983 by Elsie M. Stevens of the Women's Literary Club. The last deposit occurred around 1995 by the remaining members of the Club.
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**Administrative History:**

The Women's Literary Club of St. Catharines was founded in 1892 by a local author, Emma Harvey (Mrs. J.G.) Currie (1829-1913) and held its last official meeting on February 19, 1994. The Club developed, flourished and eventually waned. After more than one hundred successful years, the last members deposited the Club's archives at Brock University for the benefit of researchers, scholars and the larger community. The 'object of the Club' was established as "the promotion of literary pursuits." The Club was a non-profit social organization composed of predominantly white, upper middle class women from the St. Catharines and surrounding areas. Club meetings were traditionally held fortnightly from March to December each year. The last meeting of the year was a celebration of their Club anniversary. The early meetings of the Club include papers presented and music performed by Club members. The literary pursuits that would dominate the agendas for the entire life of the Club reflected an interest in selected authors, national and local history, classical history, musical performances and current cultural and newsworthy events. For example in 1893 a typical meeting agendas would contain papers on Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Hawaii, Brook Farm, Miss Louisa May Alcott and "Education of Women 100 years Ago." Within the first year of the Club's existence, detailed minute books became the norm and an annual agenda or program developed. The WLC collection contains a near complete set of meeting minutes from 1892 until 1995 and a comprehensive collection of yearly programs from 1983-1967 which members took great care to publish each year.

Mrs. Currie brought together a group of women with a shared interest in literature and history, who wanted to pursue that interest in a formal and structured manner. She was well educated and influenced at an early age by her tutor and mentor William Kirby, local historian, writer and newspaper editor from Niagara-on-the-Lake. While Currie's private education influenced her love of literature and history, the Club movement of the 1890's offered a more public forum for her to share knowledge and learning with other women. Mrs. Currie was the wife of St. Catharines lawyer, James G. Currie, who also served as a Member of Parliament for the county of Lincoln. Mrs. W.H. McClive, who was also married to a St. Catharines lawyer, worked closely with Currie and they began research into the possibility of a literary Club in St. Catharines. Currie corresponded with a variety of literary Clubs across North America before she and Mrs. McClive tagged onto the momentum of the Club movement and published "A Clarion call for Women of St. Catharines To Form a Literary Club" in the local paper *The St. Catharines Evening Journal*. in 1892 and asked like Clubs to publish the news of their new Club.

The early years of the WLC set the foundation of how the Club meetings and events would unfold for the next 80 plus years. Photos and minutes from the first ten years reveal an excitement and interest in organized Club outings. One particular event, an annual pilgrimage to the homestead of Laura Secord, became a yearly celebration for the Club. Club President, Mrs. Currie's own personal work on Laura Secord amplified the Club's interest in the 'heroine of 1812' and she allocated the profits from her publication on Secord in order to create a commemorative plaque/monument in the name of Laura Secord. The Club celebrated this event with a regular pilgrimage to this site. The connection felt by Club members and this memorial would continue until the Club's last meetings. The majority of members in the early years were of the upper middle classes in the growing city of St. Catharines. Many of the charter members were the wives of merchants, business men, lawyers, doctors, even a hatter. Furthermore, the position of president was most often held by a woman with a comprehensive list of interests. This is particularly the case in Isabel Brighty McComb (1876-1941). Brighty who became a member in 1903, became Club president in 1932 and stayed in her post until her death in 1941. Similar to Mrs. Currie, Brighty was a local historian and published 2 booklets on local history. Her obituary indicates her position in the community as an author and involved community member committed to lifetime memberships in the Imperial Order of Daughters of Empire, I.O.D.E., the National Organization of Women, N.O.W. and the United Empire Loyalist Society, as well as the WLC. She was a locally known 'teacher of elocution' and a devoted researcher of Upper Canadian history. In a Club scrapbook dedicated to her, the biographical sketch illustrates the professionalism surrounding Brighty. There is very little personal history mentioned and the focus is on her literary works, her published essay, booklets and poetry. This professional focus, evident in both her obituary and the scrapbook, illustrate the diversity of these women, especially in their roles outside of the home.

The WLC collection contains a vast array of essay, lectures clippings and scrapbooks from past meetings. Organized predominantly by topic or author, the folders and scrapbooks offer a substantial amount of research opportunity in the literary history of Canada. The dates, scope of topics and authors covered offer historians an exciting opportunity to examine the consumption of particular literary trends, artists and topics within the context of a midsized industrial city in English Canada. This is especially important because the agenda adhered to by the Club was bent on promoting, discussing and reviewing predominantly Canadian material. By connecting when and what these women were studying, scholars many gain a better understanding of the broader consumption and appreciation of literary and social trends of Canadian women outside of publishing and institutional records. Furthermore, because the agendas were set by and for these women, outside of the constructs of an institutionalized canon or agenda, they offer a fresh and on the ground examination of literary consumption over an extensive length of time.

**Scope and Content:**

During the early years of the club, a precedent was set in that detailed minutes and meeting records were collected. These traditions also lead to future club members dedication to compiling and maintaining the administrative and social records of the club. The records were created through club meetings and events in the Niagara Region, especially St. Catharines, and include correspondence from Canadian and international sources.

**Organization:**

The records were arranged into four series:

Series 1. Administrative, includes, day to day business documents of the club, such as minute books, financial records, roll calls, correspondence, event planning, club history and publications such as yearly programs and agendas and commemoratives. The series has been arranged alphabetically based on file subject headings.

Series 2. Presentations, includes lecture notes and essays on and about literature, current events, club reports on history and places/topics of interest, essay produced by club members, and scrapbooks created by club members. This series has been divided into three sub series in order to maintain the original organization of the records

Sub series A. Organized alphabetically by author studied

Sub Series B. Organized alphabetically by subject studied

Sub Series C. Scrapbooks created by club members

Series 3. Clippings and Magazines, includes a wide variety of newspaper and magazine clippings collected by club members

Series 4. Photographs, and Multimedia, includes a wide array of photographs, slides and negatives of club members, also includes audio cassettes and postcards collected by club members.

Oversized box: Items/removed items include oversized newspapers, ephemeral, certificates, plaques and photographs.

**Series 1. Administrative**

1. 1

Annual Reports, includes; 1896, 1900, 1903, 1905-1907, 1909-1910, 1912-1916, 1918, 1921-1927, 1924, 1926, 1928-1929, 1931, 1956, 1963, 1968, 1974, 1976-1977, 1979-1985.

Message of the president for 1974

Program for 1974

Musical Committee Report 1900

Secretary Report 1900 page 6 only

Regular Meeting Report n.d.

Report of Funds 1922, Nov 4

Treasury Annual Report from 1899, 1911, 1915, 1916, 1920, 1921, 1923 1925, 1960.

Annual Press Report, 1949

Annual Report of Music Committee, 1949

Annual Report of Program Committee, 1949

Board Meeting Report, Nov 4, 1922

Corresponding Secretary Reports, 1969

1.2 Archival Deposit Records for WLC, includes; list of items deposited in Brock Archives and items loaned to St. Catharines Museum

1.3 Attendance, includes Roll call attendance lists from 1897-1913, 1912-1929, notes on club topics, and book of WLC autographs.

1.4 Birthday Celebration, 80<sup>th</sup> Club Year Birthday Celebration. Publicity, Correspondence, 1972

Speeches, list of 1972 officers, speech on Francis Petrie, n.d.

1.5 Brochures and Bulletins, includes local attractions/events, various dates & places.

1.6 Club History, includes;

- 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration speech/address, 1977
- Invitations for Memorial Tea Time During St. Catharines' Centennial
- 1976 "slate of officers" position titles and member names
- 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration speech
- Correspondence with Editor of St. Catharines Standard re: officers for 1974 to be published
- 81<sup>st</sup> Birthday documentation of Jean Beattie's attendance 1973
- Activities report for December 1972 80<sup>th</sup> year celebration
- 1973 birthday celebration summary report
- 1972 celebration speech by club president
- 1971 celebration speech introducing Rev. H.D. Maclean
- 1972 May 13<sup>th</sup> 'Preview' of Laura Secord Homestead trip paperwork
- Resume of the Club prepared by Beatrice Armstrong for Dr. Gibson
- Clippings and drafts for 79<sup>th</sup> Birthday to the Women's Editor at St. Catharines Standard.
- Listing of past presidents, ending 1968
- History of club, two pages, n.d.
- History of club positions, Nov 10, 1894
- 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration events list
- Hand written history of the club, n.d., including 1 page hand written poem by Miss Janet Carnochan (1931) "Has Canada A History"
- Highlights of 80<sup>th</sup> year and Highlights of 81<sup>st</sup> year
- Summary of events and club activities for "Afternoon of Enjoyment" Sept 20, 1975 and 1975 (83<sup>rd</sup> birthday) and Club activities, 1976
- Catalogue list of Club books and posters donated by club member Edla Glass
- Proposed agenda for 1981 Pilgrimage
- List of Scrap books, 1982
- 1982 List of books donated to the club

- 1.7 Commemoratives, includes, Birthday Programs, Invitations, WLC Birthday Day/Anniversary programs 1982,1984,1942, 1986, 1972,1985,1992,1983, Invitations to celebrations (Tea Time), Railroads of Niagara, 1979, Book Mark of Niagara Peninsula,1982
- 1.8 Constitutions (WLC) includes; 1892, 1897, 1908,1921,1944,1949
- 1.9-1.14 Correspondence, 1908-1969, 1971 – 1985, n.d.; Includes 1969 Archives Deposit at Brock University, Louis Blake Duff
- 1.15 Event Book: Archive Ceremony 1969 at Brock University, includes speeches, cards and notes on archive ceremony
- 1.16 Event Book of 84<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, includes speeches, notes and correspondence relating to event
- 1.17-1.20 Financial Records, 1919 -1994. Includes; fees, membership lists, expenditures, various minutes, treasurer reports and administrative documents, financial records, bank statements, transaction records, bank books
- 1.21 Financial Reports, 1898, 1969, 1974, 1976, 1948; includes, various financial statements and notes
- 1.22-1.27 Guest Books, 1948 – 1992, Includes: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1942 and various event guest lists (6 guest books)
- 1.28-1.33 Minute Books,1892- 1905, 1912-1917,1917-1920 and various minutes from 1929

#### Series 1. Administrative, Box 2

- 2.1-2.14 MinuteBooks, 1920-1996
- 2.15 Ontario Historical Society Annual meetings, 1950 - 1951
- 2.16-2.17 Other Literary Clubs, includes Brochures and Programs
- 2.18 Pilgrimages, includes agendas, correspondence, background information on pilgrimages for years, 1946-1947, 1975-1980, 1984 and 1985
- 2.19-2.21 Programs for WLC 1894-1926, 1926-1964, 1967, 1973-1986, includes 3 hand written notebooks with copied out programs beginning in 1893 to 1967
- 2.22 Provincial Ministry Documents, includes correspondence, brochures and applications for Community programs and grants,( such as the Wintario program and publications “Communicate” from the Ministry of Culture and Recreation, 1982-1984)
- 2.23 Records of the first 80 Years book publication, 1976, includes correspondence, copies of “The First 80 Years,” by Mrs. G.M. Armstrong and various administrative documents related to publishing the book
- 2.24 Thank you notes and post cards with various dates
- 2.25 Tributes, Memorials and Obituaries, includes;
  - Arthur James Coyne, 1978
  - Isabel Brighty McComb, 1941
  - Wilson MacDonald, 1955
  - Governor General Vanier, by Wallace Havelock Robb, 1967
  - S.Robina Duffin, n.d.
  - Doris McCrea, n.d.
  - Sally Arbuthnot, n.d.
  - Mrs. Garnet (Beatrice Martha) Armstrong, 1986

Wallace Havelock Robb, n.d.

2.26-2.27

Various local publications includes;  
 Small press book by various local authors and Club members:  
 "Glen Idylls" by Ella Wilson Dorland (E.Deer) 1938,  
 "Lanterns In the Dark" by Laura Nixon Haynes, 1943  
 "Spring and other Poems" by Elsie Stevens, n.d.  
 "Some Rhyming Ramblings" by W.A.E. Moyer, 1949.  
 "A Far Bell Calling" by Wallace Havelock Robb, 1949.  
 "Up into the Hills" by R.W. Sanders, 1958  
 "A Tour of Historic Thorold" compiled by Young Can. Works, 1979.  
 "Unpublished Inspirations" A WLC publications, 1951 and 1983.  
 "Said John MacDonald, "That's the Law" Ballad of the High Stepping  
 Bays," by Wallace Havelock Robb, 1957.  
 "A Study in Vanity" by Louis Blake Duff, 1952.  
 Program from Trinity United Church, Thorold, 1978

## **Series 2. Sub Series A**

3.1

Alcott, Louisa May, n.d.

3.2

Alexander the Great, by Mrs. Walker, 1914

3.3

Vera Alexander, essays authored by Vera Alexander

3.4

Mrs. Lucy Appleford, three books of essays and clippings include the following topics:

- William Kirby-1952
- Elizabeth Barrett Browning
- Glimpses on Quebec Old and new-1960
- Robertson Davies – 1963 with clippings
- John Mansfield – with clippings
- British Columbia Writers
- Pauline Johnson
- Emily Carr
- Constance Lindsay Skinner
- Isabelle Valencey Crawford, 1950 – with Clippings

3.5

Mrs. Sally Arbuthnot, essay on Master Servant relationship, and other essays and clippings, includes the Welland Ship Canal General Information and Descriptions, 1916

3.6

Elizabeth Arden, essay by Elsie Stoner, 1987

3.7

Thomas Arnold essay by "Carlyle"

3.8

Clara Barton essay by Mrs. Burch, 1912

3.9

Abigail Becker essay and clipping by Mrs. "Kelder"

3.10

Will. R. Bird essay by E. Stevens, 1974

3.11

Jean Blewett essay, n.d.

3.12

William Cullen Bryant, essay by Mr. G.M. Armstrong, 1938

3.13

Dame Clara Butt, essay by Elsie Plumley

- 3.14 Canadian Club Movement, essay, n.d.
- 3.15 Bliss Carman, correspondence and clippings, copy of "Onward" Toronto, 1961, April 9
- 3.16 Janet Carnochan essay about by Valerie Collard and essay by Carnochan
- 3.17 Agatha Christie essay, n.d.
- 3.18 John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough essay on, n.d.
- 3.19 Clement Family essay by Valarie Collard, n.d.
- 3.20 George Clutesie (seshat tribe of B.C.) includes, correspondence with author  
Beryl Cryer, includes one essay and correspondence with Mr. Armstrong  
Various stories "told to Girl Guides," Clippings on B.M. Cryer, essay by Cryer on Native Myths
- 3.21 Ralph Connor essay n.a., n.d.
- 3.22 Lord Cornwallis essay n.a., n.d.
- 3.23 Sarah Anne Curzon essay, n.d., by B.M. Armstrong
- 3.24 Marcia Davenport essay, n.a., n.d.
- 3.25 W.H. Davies essay 1988, n.a.
- 3.26 Mazo De La Roche, essay 1986, n.a.
- 3.27 Charles Dickens, essay, n.d. by Elsie Plumley
- 3.28 Emily Dickinson, clippings and essay 1977, by Edith Stewart
- 3.29 John Diefenbaker, essay 1979 and correspondence from Mrs. McCrea, 1959
- 3.30 Dr. Wm Henry Drummond, essay on and clippings, by Mrs. Gorman, 1949
- 3.31 Margaret Iris Duley, essay, 1979, n.a.
- 3.32 T.S. Elliot, clippings and essay 1956 by B. Armstrong
- 3.33 John Elson essay and clippings by Elsie Stevens, n.d.
- 3.34 Maureen Forrester essay. by Marion Reynolds, n.d.
- 3.35 Robert Frost, essay by B. Armstrong, 1943-54 – oversized newspapers copied and removed to oversize box
- 3.36 Grey Owl by Alma Chernishenko, 1983
- 3.37 Fredrick Philip Grove, clippings and essay by Mrs. Gorman, 1947
- 3.38 Arthur Hallam essay on, n.d., n.a.
- 3.39 Robert Harris, by Elsie Stevens, 1982
- 3.40 Leon Hatzman, n.a., n.d.
- 3.41 Dr. Laura Nixon Haynes, by E. Stevens clippings about and correspondence to Haynes
- 3.42 Sir Francis Hincks, 1988
- 3.43 Robert Holmes, includes clippings
- 3.44 Marion Nelson Hooker, by Marion Reynolds, 1985
- 3.45 Francis Anne Hopkins, clippings on and articles by Marion Reynolds, 1986
- 3.46 S. Berthe Husband poems by and correspondence from author, 1933
- 3.47 E. Pauline Johnson essays on, one authored by Doris Bates, 1980 and clippings from 1952
- 3.48 Samuel Johnson, 1953 essay by B. Armstrong, 1953 New York Times Book review, 1953 – clipping removed and copied due to acidity, and size, original is in oversized box
- 3.49 Thomas C. Keefer, by Grace Bevan, 1988
- 3.50 Rudyard Kipling, 1976



- 3.51 William Kirby, n.a., n.d.
- 3.52-3.53 Archibald Lampman, by Grace Bevan, 1985, clippings of poems by Lampman and Lampman Family, 1925 essays on, clippings about from The Canadian Magazine
- 3.54 James Fenwick Lansdowne, n.d., n.a.
- 3.55 Agnes Christie Laut includes, essay on King Tutankhamen, 1985 correspondence from Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Recreation and clippings from 1930's.
- 3.56 Louise d Kiriline Lawrence, by Doris Bates 1993, by Mrs. J. Marshall (no date) correspondence with (5 Letters) clippings about her.
- 3.57 Stephen Leacock, publication announcing dinner for unveiling of bronze Leacock in 1951, includes clippings
- 3.58 C.S. Lewis, n.d., n.a.
- 3.59 Dorothy Livesay, essay by Anne Gorman, includes correspondence and club clippings, 1938
- 3.60 H.W. Longfellow – 3 essays, n.d., n.a.
- 3.61 Shirley R. May, folder 1 of 2, includes clippings about, and articles by her from "Just Thinking" column. Various publications by May, Bible Activity books, news articles, bible lessons.
- 3.62 Shirley R. May, folder 2 of 2, includes clippings about, and articles by her from "Just Thinking" column. Various publications by May, Bible Activity books, news articles, bible lessons.
- 3.63 Wilson MacDonald, correspondences about and with, clippings, 4 essays on him. Reports from the Wilson MacDonald Poetry Society
- 3.64 Nellie McClung, 2 essays on, n.d., n.a.
- 3.65 Agnes McPhail, 1988 1 essay, n.a.
- 3.66 Thomas Darcy McGee, n.d., n.a.
- 3.67 Thomas B. McQuesten, 1990 essay on by Lorene Stirling
- 3.68 Walter J. McRae essay on, 1949, clippings, 1 photo of his house, 1 poem about him, n.a.
- 3.69 Holley Middleton, clippings, 1 essay on her, National Gallery of Canada information on her, 5 small water colour prints by her (landscapes)
- 3.70 Lucy Maude Montgomery, no date, essay on by Doris McCrea
- 3.71 Ethel Brant Monure, flyer about her, clippings, 1 photo of her at club visit, 1960 correspondence (see also clippings series for more clippings on her)
- 3.72 Henry Moore, essay on, 1986, n.a.
- 3.73 Louisa Murray essay on, n.d., n.a.
- 3.74 Sir Isaac Newton, essay on, n.d., n.a.
- 3.75 James Leroy Nixon, 2 essays, n.d., n.a.
- 3.76 Commodore-Capt. Job Northrup, no date, essay on by Isabel Brighty Comb
- 3.77 William Olsler, essay on, 1980, n.a.
- 3.78 Celia Franca, essay on n.d., n.a. and clipping from 1981 "Today Magazine"
- 3.79 Dr. G.E. Reaman, poster and lecture notes from club visit. Publication, Ontario Genealogical Society Bulletin, Winter, 1970
- 3.80 Wallace Havelock Robb, includes, correspondence, flyers,

programs from Abbey Dawn, clippings, envelope containing letters from Carl Madsen, 1955, circulation letter re- recital in 1955 Press report on Robb's recital at club in 1955. (oversized clippings copied and removed-originals are in oversized box)

- 3.81 James A. Ross, Poetry by him, essay, n.d., n.a.
- 3.82 John Ruskin, essay on Ruskin, 1893, n.a.
- 3.83 Laura Goodman Salverson, poem by her, correspondence to her 1933, Broadside re- "Iceland" performance at Welland House Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, n.d.
- 3.84 William Shakespeare, 1910 essay, Mrs. Poole
- 3.85 Lister Sinclair, CBC press releases about him, clippings, lecture presented by Mrs. G.M. Armstrong, 1952
- 3.86 R.L. Stevenson, 1920 essay by Mrs. Waterhouse
- 3.87 William Makepeace Thackeray, 1935 essay by Mrs. B. Armstrong
- 3.88 Dylan Thomas, 1954 essay by Mrs. B. Armstrong, includes clippings, And publication, "The Atlantic, Oct. 1965, Vol. 216, (No.4)
- 3.89 Alfred Tennyson, 3 essays on him, 1 dated 1911, n.a.
- 3.90 Ruth Harris Tuck, 1982 essay by Mary Eller
- 3.91 Mark Twain, essay on and clippings, n.d., n.a.
- 3.92 Henry Vandyke, essays, includes 1 clipping, 1957, 1 essay, 1951 by Mrs. Marshall
- 3.93 Georges Vanier, 1991 essay by Lorena Stirling
- 3.94 "The Voyagers' Highway" includes, essay on the frontier traders and. Canadian Heritage Print of Francis Anne Hopkins. Clippings and publications about the fur traders. (1960's)
- 3.95 Patrick Watson, essay by Edla Glass, n.d.
- 3.96 Marquis Welesley, a.k.a Lord Mornington, 1 essay, n.d., n.a.
- 3.97 Agnes Ethelwyn Wetherald, 1 essay, n.d., n.a.
- 3.98 Walt Whitman 1 essay, n.d., n.a.
- 3.99 Oscar Wilde 1 essay dated, 1949 by Elva Marshall, includes clippings
- 3.100 Anne Helena Woodruff 1 essay by Elsie Stevens, n.a.
- 3.101 William Wordsworth, 1983, 1 essay by Valetta Collard
- 3.102 Joanna E. Wood, includes, 1 essay by Elsie Stevens, 1979. 1 essay by Daphne Read, 1978 (from York University) 1 copy of a biography on Wood. 1 essay "A Feminist Perspective" by D. Read. Copy of article "Canadian Magazine, Vol. 10. No. 6 April, 1898" Copy of the Last will of "Lachlan Macpherson, 1901? Photocopy of the birth Record for J. Wood. 1 Essay with research, by D. Read.
- 3.103 Juliane Zwiggelaar, essay written by her, in 1987 on Benjamin Lett

## **Series 2. Sub Series B**

- 4.1 Algonquin Park, n.a., n.d.
- 4.2 American Literature, by B. Armstrong, 1941
- 4.3-4.4 Appleford, Lucy, folder collection of essays by Mrs. Appleford including topics; Unique houses, 1947  
Famous Gardens, 1945

- Niagara Boulevard, 1949  
 Quebec, 1960  
 Pioneer women in Science, Art and Literature, 1948  
 Touring the Gaspé, n.d.  
 Famous Bridges, 1946  
 Early Churches
- 4.5 Art and Artists – Canadian, includes, essays :  
 Artists, by Miss Ball, 1913  
 Emily Carr, No date, by Doris “Batie” with Clippings  
 A Free Brush, 1970, by Mary Eller  
 Paul Wickson and John Kelly, 1986, n.a.  
 Artists of English & French Canada, by Edna Shushan, 1980  
 Tom Thomson, by Valetta Collard, n.d.  
 Elizabeth Wynwood, by B.M. Armstrong, n.d.  
 Glen Loates, n.d.  
 Stood in Awe, Banff Fine arts school by Mary Eller, 1984  
 Daniel Fowler, by Marion Reynolds, 1984
- 4.6 Arts in The Soviet Union, includes, Clippings from Sat. Night Review, 1960 &  
 Clippings from The Atlantic, June, 1960 and one essay: The Arts in the Soviet  
 Union by B.M. Armstrong, n.d.
- 4.7 Astronomy, includes essays;  
 No Title, by Yolande Charo, 1987  
 Haley’s Comet, 1986 n.a.
- 4.8 Au Petit Café, by Mary Eller, n.d.
- 4.9 Banff school of Fine Arts includes essay, no date, no author
- 4.10 The Bell, includes essays:  
 A Far Bell calling [1971?] by Elva Marshall  
 Japanese Peace Bell, no date, no author  
 Peace Bell, 1971, by Mrs. Marshall,  
 Correspondence: Various letters relating to UN Peace Bell  
 Various letters relating to proposed ‘Poets Bell’ or the ‘Bell for Brock’ to be  
 placed at Brock University, mostly from 1971-1974 between Dr. Gibson, Dr.  
 Pearch and Robert Welch, and WLC members.
- 4.11 The Blind, The Visually Impaired, includes, essays:  
 A Blind Person I have Known, n.d., by Valetta Collard  
 The Blind, n.d., by Vera Alexander (extra copies included)  
 Brochure CNIB 10 easy ways to help a blind person
- 4.12 Book Reviews, includes reviews and essays on;  
 ○ The Modern Novel – helpful or harmful, n.d.  
 ○ About Books and Reading, n.d.  
 ○ Canadian Literature, n.d.  
 ○ The National Dream, by Pierre Burton reviewed by B. Armstrong, n.d.  
 ○ Gardens in the Wind, by Gabrielle Ray, reviewed by E. Stevens, n.d.  
 ○ Drifting home, by Pierre Burton, by Valetta Collard, 1974  
 ○ People of the Deer, by Farley Mowat, by Valetta Collard, 1985  
 ○ Canadian Writers, by Mrs. Gorman, n.d.

- Lecture notes on “Boughs Bend Over” by Maida Parlow French includes Diagrams, n.d.
- Bare Feet in The Palace, by A. Newton Keith and Mrs. Maude W. Hill, n.d.
- “The Virginia Exiles” by Elizabeth Grey Vining, review by Mrs. Hill
- “The Christmas Wolf”
- The Honorable Company, by Douglas Mackay, 1979 review by Elsie Stevens
- The Pioneer Years, by Barry Broadfoot, 1979 by Miss N. Clarke
- The Tenor and His Time- Edward Johnson by Ruby Mercer, n.d. and by Marion Reynolds, 1980
- Copy of short story “On being Clinicked” by Alice Hegan
- Copy of Short story “Mrs. Smart Learns How to Skate” by Clara Augusta, n.d.

- 4.13 Brighty, Isabel McComb includes essays by Brighty
- 4.14 British Columbia, includes essays and notes on;  
The Butchart Gardens, 1985, by Norah Clarke with correspondence to V. Collard  
Book review “It happened in B.C.” by E. Stewart.  
Glimpses into some Heritages in Victoria B.C. on Vancouver Island, 1982, by Mary Eller  
Early B.C. Writers, 1979 by [Mrs. Willy Vrelders]  
British Columbia, by Mary Eller
- 4.15 Canada, includes essays;
- Rivers of B.C. by Hugh McLennan
  - Building A Nation, , 22 pages, comments on Canadian Identity and legacy, 1931 no author
  - The Rocky Mountains, 1985, by A. Bole
  - Canada’s National Parks, 1964, by B. Armstrong
  - Canada in the Making, 1913, by Mrs. A. Walker, comments on Nation Building,
  - Canadian Identity
  - Some Foreigners in Canada, n.d, n.a., written from letter received from Regina, regarding immigration [1909-1920]
  - Early Government in Canada
  - The New Canadian Library
  - French Canadian Crafts, 1979, by Edith Stewart
  - Floral Emblems of the Provinces, 1983, by A. Bole
  - The Elderhostel Movement, 1991 by Elsie Wigglesworth
  - A look at Frobisher Bay, 1983 by Elsie Stoner
  - Early Education in Canada, 1982, by Voletta Collard
  - Athabasca, 1983, by A. Bole
- 4.16 Canadian Poetry, , topics include, Modernism, 1967, the state of poetry in Canada.  
Modern Canadian Poetry, 1959, lists various Canadian poets (Layton, Cohen, among others)

- Poets and Poetry, [1904] mentions A. Lampman, Pauline Johnson and Bliss Carman.  
 Quebec – fragile- no date, no author  
 Maritime Writers, 1955, by Doris McCrea  
 Famous Places in Literature and Song, by Doris McCrea, no date
- 4.17 Churches, Cathedrals and Chapels, includes;  
 Clippings on Ontario Churches, notes on churches  
 Churches mentioned include: Hay bay Church, Mowhawk Branford Nations Church, St. Paul's Anglican- Adolphustown, Westminster's Abbey.  
 Small Historical Chapel, Notre Dame de Bonsecours, from Roll Call, April 19, 1986.  
 Early Churches of Ontario, 1984, by Alma J. Chernishinks  
 Stokes Pages Parish Church [1952]  
 St. George's Cathedral, Kingston ON. From roll call, May 2, 1981.  
 Cathedrals of the World, 1981 by Mrs. Willy Velders  
 Winchester Cathedral  
 Pioneer Churches, 1979, By E. Stevens  
 Coventry Cathedral  
 Postcards/Pamphlets: Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria B.C., St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, St. Andrews' Presbyterian, Fort William, Ontario, The Waterfall at Bonnechere Caves, Eganville, Ontario
- 4.18 Current Events, includes essays on;  
 Current Events, 1911, by Mrs. M. Youmans  
 Current Events, Oct. 1931, n.a.
- 4.19 Egypt, includes essays;  
 1913 – 6 essays by Mrs. D.M. Walker from April to Nov.  
 Cario, no date, no author  
 Egypt, no date no author
- 4.20 Mary Eller, includes essays by Eller,  
 The History of Musical Instruments, 1938  
 A Ramble in the Canadian Rocky Mountains, 1938
- 4.21 Ferdinand & Isabella, includes 1 essay, no date, no author
- 4.22 Furniture of the Maritimes, Quebec and the Niagara Peninsula  
 Furniture of the Maritimes, Quebec & the Niagara Peninsula, 1982, Marion Reynolds
- 4.23 Glenbow Foundation Calgary Alberta, 1982 essay by Yolande Charo
- 4.24 Grand Manan Island New Brunswick, includes;Photos and Post Cards  
 Schedules from Steam Ship -1943  
 Correspondences from Mrs. H.B. Pope  
 Map of N.B. Hand drawn  
 Publications: The Grand Manan Historian, No. 4. The Grand Manan Historical Society [1944], Canadian Geographic Journal, March 1931, Vol. 22. No. 3  
 Grand Manan, A reminiscence [1944, by Elva Marshall]
- 4.25 Holland-The Netherlands, includes essay;  
 Holland, 1903, Mrs. D.M. Walker  
 Holland,1902, Mrs. D.M. Walker

- Sketches from an Artists Stroll, no date, no author  
Holland, 1973, Elsie Stevens  
Holland, 1903, Mrs. [Huff ]  
Literature in Holland, no date, no author
- 4.26 History of the WLC includes research and clippings for “The First 80 years” by Mrs. Armstrong
- 4.27 Indian Lore, includes, Clippings, Pictures of Early Canadians, Indian Lore essay by Elva Marshall, n.d.
- 4.28 Ink, includes 1 essay; How Printing Ink is Manufactured, by Mrs. Beowell, 1973
- 4.29 The Lake Poets and The Lake District, includes;  
Essay, The Lake Poets, 1943, no author  
Brochures: Notes on Thomas Gray – The Elegy and its Message, 1923.  
Dale Lodge Private Lodge post card  
Magazine/Book: The English Lakes, by Percy Parminster  
Roll call notes from April 29, 1950  
Clippings: Wordsworth – oversized clippings copied and removed to oversized box
- 4.30 Correspondences: Mrs. J. Bennett from her Daughter, 1924.  
Laura Secord Homestead, includes;  
Speech by B.A. Armstrong  
Notes on Event, May 13, 1972
- 4.31 Margaret Phillips Lehers, includes;  
Correspondence: What is Modern?  
Historical Epitome of Scottish Song
- 4.32 Markers – Historic Sites includes;  
  - Clippings on local markers
  - Essay: Historic Markers, no author, no dates
  - Correspondence, 1943 Mrs. Gorman from Vera Sherman, Mrs. Rollason from Mrs. Gorman, 1944.
- 4.33 The Moors in Spain, includes, essays: The moors of Spain, n.a.,n.d., and The Alhawbra, n.a.,n.d.
- 4.34 Music and Musicians, includes essays;  
  - Touring With Otto, 1957, by Doris McCrea
  - Stories Behind 2 Well Known Pieces of Music, n.d.,by Marion Reynolds
  - A Short History of Opera,n.d., by Elsie Stevens
  - A Western Canadian Author, n.d.,Edward McCourt, by Elsie Stevens
  - Fritz Kreisler, 1987, by Marion Reynolds
  - Stephen Foster, 1991, by Marion Reynolds with copies of songs
  - A History of Musical Instruments, by Mrs. Maude, W. Hill
  - The Heritage Left by 3 Musicians in St. Catharines, 1982, byAlma Chernishenko
  - Songs of Ireland, n.a.,n.d
  - The Waltz, n.d., by Grace Bevan
  - Songs of Gypsies, n.a.,n.d.
  - The Art of Violin Making, 1988, by Marion Reynolds

- 4.35 Nature, includes, lecture: notes and pictures on Nature, 1971, n.a.
- 4.36 Newfoundland, includes essay,  
A History of A Province and its Early People, 1983, by Mrs. M. Bevan.
- 4.37 Newspapers, includes essay, Early Newspapers of Ontario, 1984, by Mary Eller
- 4.38 Niagara on the Lake, the Commons, essay, n.d., n.a.
- 4.39 Nova Scotia, includes essays;  
Lighthouses of N.S. 1981, by Alma Chernishenko  
The Land of Evangeline, 1910 by Jane Thompson with Clippings  
The Theatre of Nova Scotia, 1980, by Alma Chernishenko  
Notable N.S. Women, 1985, by Alma Chernishenko
- 4.40 Ontario-Upper Canada, includes essays;  
  - Old Mills of Upper Canada, no date, no author
  - General Simcoe and Slavery in Upper Canada, by Julian Zwigglelaar, no date
  - Outstanding statesmen of Ontario, by Elsie Stoner, 1984
  - The Islands of Ontario, n.d.
  - Ontario Writers, by Alma Bole, 1984
- 4.41 Plays, includes plays by Doris McCrear
- 4.42 Poetry- Inspirational, includes essays;  
A look at Religious poetry and Inspirational Verse Through the Centuries,  
by Mary Eller, 1966 and Clippings: On, about William Blake, n.d.
- 4.43 Poetry – Various Members of WLC, includes;  
  - Collected poems of WLC members
  - Booklet “Unpublished Inspiration” 1951 by WLC and
  - Cards and Clippings from 1952
  - Lini Grol, lecture on, brochures about, n.d.
- 4.44 Queen of England includes;  
Clippings on Queen, n.d. (oversized items removed)  
The Queen, essay 1947, by Anne Gorman
- 4.45 Railway includes essays;  
The Grand Trunk Railway, by Mrs. M. Bevan, 1984  
Railroad Transportation in the Province of Canada, by J. Zwigglelaar, n.d.  
The School Railway Car, by A. Bole, 1990
- 4.46 Religion and Missionary Societies includes essays;  
The Holy Grail, no date no author  
The Foundations of Buddhism, 1914, no author  
The Holy Grail, 1912, by Mrs. Walker  
Mystery, Religions of the Roman Empire, 1985, by Doris Bates  
Cathars, 1991, by Doris Bates  
Evangelical Medical Aid Society, 1987, by Grace Bevan  
Oberammergau, 1981 with clippings  
Religion of Mexicans – Aztecs includes 2 essays, no authors, no dates
- 4.47 Rivers, includes essay, River Thames and Along the Banks, no date, no author (2 Copies)
- 4.48 Rockwood Academy includes essay; Rockwood Academy, 1979, by Marion Reynolds

- 4.49 Sheet Music, includes sheet music for “God’s Garden”
- 4.50 St. Catharines, includes essays;  
 Rodman Hall, by Doris Bates, n.d.  
 Shipyards of St. Catharines, 1976, by Doris Bates  
 St. Catharines, 90 Years of Change, 1982 by John N. Jackson  
 Early Days in St. Catharines, by V. Collard.  
 Begy House, by Susan Averell, 1989 presented by J. Zweggellaar  
 An Old House In the District #6, Welland Ave. by Valetta Collard.  
 Memories of Montebello, by Valetta Collard  
 Programs, Posters, floor plans, Clippings: Rodman Hall, circ. 1970’s
- 4.51 St. David’s, includes essay, St. David’s, by Lorene Stirling, n.d.
- 4.52 Theatre, includes essays;  
 History of Drama, by Miss V. Day  
 The Theatre, 1978 by Milly Vrelder  
 Hero and Heroine of the 1920’s, 1992 by Elsie Wigglesworth  
 Royal Alexander Theatre, 1990, by Elise Wigglesworth
- 4.53 Travel Outside of Canada, includes essays;  
 South America, 1983 by Elsie Stoner  
 General Travel, 1984, by Elsie Stoner  
 A Little About North Africa and Tunisia, 1981, by Yolande Charo  
 Alaska Cruise, 1970 by Elsie Stevens  
 By Airship Across the Atlantic, n.d., by Laura Nixon Hayes  
 Island in the Sun, n.d. by Elsie Stevens  
 St. Catharines to San Diego, n.d. By Jennie McKinnon  
 Italian Trip, correspondence essay by Gertrude Jenekes, n.d.  
 The Highlands and the [Hibides], no date no author  
 Japan, no date, no author  
 Uganda, by Valetta Collard, n.d.  
 Exotic Flowers, Plants and Trees, 1985, by Yolande Charo
- 4.54 Trinity United Church, Thorold, includes essay, Trinity United Church, 1985, by Alma Bole
- 4.55 Various Articles, includes essays on Author Swinborne, Garbriel Roy
- 4.56 Various essay topics, 1989-1990
- 4.57 Various Topics, Non-Local, includes essays;
- 20<sup>th</sup> Century Living, n.d., by Doris McCrea
  - Origin of Place Names, 1984 by Doris Bates
  - Count Egmond Horn[?] and Image Breakers, 1902 by Mrs. McClelland
  - The Arucarians, no date no author
  - Canute, no date, no author
  - The Division of Classes Among the People and Customs, no date, no author
  - Manufacture of China, 1974, by Mary Bedwell
  - Older Women Must Fight Against.... India, 1914, no author
  - Remembrance Day, by Laura Haynes
  - The story of St. Valentine, n.a., n.d.
  - Glimpses of London and London Life, n.a., n.d.



- A famous Resident of the World, 1986, n.a.
- Wisdom, 1986 by Yolande Charo
- The Crystal Skull, 1988, by Doris Bates
- Mysteries of the World, 1988 by Doris Bates
- Consider the Past When Planning the Future, n.d., by Elsie McCleod
- Bygone Days, 1968 by Elva Marshall
- Tower of London, n.a., n.d.
- Life of Princess Victoria, n.a., n.d.
- Cleopatra and Anthony Continued, n.a., n.d.

4.58

The waste of our Canadian forests, includes essay, n.a., n.d.

**Series 2. Sub Series C. Scrapbooks by club members, various dates.**

5.1-5.9

Scrapbooks includes;

- Old Mills, by E. Stevens
- Wm Kirby, by E. Stevens
- Memories, n.d. by E. Stevens, Club History, including variety of photos & clippings
- Writers of the Niagara Peninsula, by E. Stevens
- Lini Grol, by E. Stevens
- Adeline Margaret Teskey by E. Stevens
- Canadian Artists by Marion Reynolds
- Shirley Ruth May, by Alma Chernishenko
- 30 Years of Writing by Marion Reynolds

6.1-6.9

Scrapbooks, includes;

- Churches
- Ethelwyn Wetherald
- Rev. William Wetherald
- Joanna E. Wood,
- Churches of Canada,
- Churches of The World,
- Various Local sites/attraction and WLC events
- Dr. Loise de Kiriline Lawrence

7.1-7.8

Scrapbooks, includes;

- Isabel McComb Brighty
- Louisa Murray
- 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration
- Local Musicians
- Anne Helena Woodruff, Ray Cory Bond, Julia Cruikshank
- Lancelot Cressy Servos
- Dr. A. Leon Hatzan
- Janet Carnochan

8.1-8.14

Scrapbooks includes;

- Scrapbook of Clippings, includes WLC Club History, clippings, correspondence and clippings from “glimpse of our past”
- John M. Elson, n.d., by E. Stevens

- Mr. James A. Ross, Mr. Romaine K. Ross. Q.C. by E. Stevens
- Modern Writers, [1980s], includes clippings
- WLC clippings, 1895-1980, includes photos of Mrs. Currie and club members and correspondence
- Scrapbook of Clipping, 1947-1948 collected by Mrs. Gorman, 6 soft cover scrapbooks of clippings from "Glimpses of our Past," includes years 1981-82, 1982-1984, 1984-1985 and 1985-1986
- Little Dorinn, A Fenian Story, n.d. by Louisa Murray
- Scrapbook of clippings on E. Dee, (Mrs. Dorland), n.d.

### **Series 3. Clippings and Magazines.**

- 9.1 – 9.11 Clippings, Includes; Clippings 1892-1940 bound in book, many from St. Catharines Standard, about the Club – photo copy of book also included, Clippings, [1930's] scrapbook of clippings by Mrs. Gorman, Clippings, 1941-1952, scrapbook of clipping by Mrs. Gorman, Clippings, 1921-1978, n.d.; includes WLC members and events, Clippings, 1947-1984, n.d.; includes Local History Topics, Clippings, 1947-1978, n.d.; relating to papers given by club members, Clippings, 1949-1983, n.d.; includes Historic Buildings, Clippings, 1949,1950,1959, includes Butlers Rangers, Gen. Shaeffe, 1812, Loyalists, Clippings, 1592, n.d.; includes King George VI, Clippings, 1972, includes Laura Secord Homestead, Clippings Various A-W arranged by topic, includes, n.d.
- 9.12 Magazine, 1904 Dunnville Gazette, includes photocopy
- 9.13 Newspapers, 1904,1907,1935,1939, includes Niagara on the Lake , The Times and the St. Catharines Daily Standard
- 9.14 Newspapers, 1980-1982, 1984,1986, includes Niagara Advance Historical Issues

### **Series 4. Photographs and Multimedia**

- 9.15 Audio Cassette Tapes, (2); Includes: Tape 1: recordings from CKTB 610 "Dr. Louise de Kirline Lawrence" and "Another Winter, Another Spring" by Elva Marshall, 1997. Tape 2: Elsie Stevens on CJRQ with Jim Martin
- 9.16 Panoramic Photos, club members, (2) 1936 and n.d. includes copy of newspaper articles.
- 9.17- 9.19 Photos and Cards and Post Cards n.d.; includes;
- 5 Christmas and New Years Cards,
  - Negatives of Various club Members (16)
  - Photos of: Mrs. Currie (8x11)
  - Laura Secord Marker, 1972 (removed from paper frame) (2)
  - Mrs. Walker, removed from frame
  - Snapshots of various club members and events
  - Centennial Tea, 1976
  - Special Event, 1979 featuring John Burtiniak (3) in paper frame

- Photos and Postcards, n.d.; includes WLC events at L.B. Duff's estate, Janet Carnochan, Teresa Vanderburg, Memorial Hall (NOTL), WLC unveiling of 1972 Historic Marker at Laura Secord's Homestead, Mrs. McClive (3), The Elora Pilgramidge, 1977, Mrs. Currie (3 and 1 Negative) and 11 negatives of 1979 birthday celebration
  - Photos, Various WLC Members and events, n.d.; includes 8x11 black and white photos (22) featuring guests of the Club, Wallace Havelock Robb, Louis Blake Duff, Ethel Brant Monture, Francis Petrie ((removed from binder named "City of Thorold Official Plan, Office of Consolidation")
- 9.20 Photo, Mrs. D.M. Walker at Laura Secord grave site, 8x11, black and white

**Oversized Box, includes various Oversized Items and Items removed from original series**

- O.1 2 WLC Stamps with Club Crest
- O.2 1 Cardboard drawing of club Crest
- O.3 1 Certificate from St. Catharines Historical Museum, n.d.,
- O.4 1 Certificate from the City of St. Catharines, 1976
- O.5 1 certificate from the Province of Ontario, 1972, includes mailing label removed due to size and acidity removed from Series 1.
- O.6 Broad sides advertizing Wallace Havelock Robb recital, 1955 (removed from S.2)
- O.7 Poem dedicated to WLC from W.H. Robb, 1955, titled "Arrayed in Wampum" (removed from S.2)
- O.8 King George Silver Jubilee award for Cancer Fund event Certificate, 1935,
- O.9 1 Hand Bell, inscribed, "Grace RAO" Literary Society
- O.9 Wooden Gavel, "1944, St. Catharines Literary Club"
- O.10 Clippings, Bliss Carman, removed from original folders
- O.11 Clippings, Samuel Johnson, removed from original folder
- O.12 Wallace Havelock Robb, removed from original folder
- O.13 Wm. Wordsworth, removed from original folder
- O.14 Special Edition of St. Catharines Standard, July 25, 1981 "Today Magazine," removed from original folder in Series 2, Sub series B.
- O.15 Royal Wedding and "The Daily Mail - London" 1953, folder removed from Series 2. Sub series B.